

Annex III

SAM AWARD COMPETITION RULES

PARTICIPATION

Participation in the SAM Award Competition (the "**Competition**") is open exclusively to the universities participating in the 5th edition of the Sports Arbitration Moot ("**SAM**").

Each university may participate with only one representative team.

The participating team's members can only include members of the team that competed for the same university in the 5th edition of the SAM ("**The Moot**" / "**The Moot Competition**"). In other words, students who have not participated with the same university in the 5th edition of the SAM shall not be admitted.

The participating team does not need to include all members of the respective team that competed in the 5th edition of the Moot Competition. It shall be possible for participating teams to comprise only one or several students participating in the 5th edition of the Moot Competition.

Questions may be submitted to info@sportsarbitrationmoot.com.

The Competition shall only be confirmed and formally launched if at least ten teams register to participate.

TIMELINE

Teams that have not already registered to participate in the Competition must do so by 8 June 2026, 10:00 CEST.

Teams must submit their Awards by 24 August 2026, 23:59 CEST.

The results shall be announced before the end of the year 2026.

THE AWARD

The Award shall be written in English.

The Award shall contain, in the following order:

- (a) A cover page;
- (b) A table of contents;
- (c) A summary of the undisputed facts;
- (d) A summary of the Positions of the Parties;
- (e) A section setting out the tribunal's detailed reasoning; and
- (f) A 1-page dispositive section, which shall set out the tribunal's final decision on each of the Appellant's and Respondent's respective requests for relief as presented in the SAM Moot Case.

The Award shall be no longer than 7,000 words (seven thousand). This page limit is absolute and inclusive of all the above-described sections (cover page, table of contents etc.).

The Award shall be written in A4 Microsoft Word format. The font shall be Times New Roman, size 12, and the line spacing shall be 1.5.

Failure to comply with any of the requirements set out in these Rules shall disqualify an Award from the Competition.

By registering for the Competition, participants undertake to comply with these Rules and to draft their Awards without any third-party assistance, other than customary secretarial assistance. Participants should act as diligent arbitrators in a true arbitration.

Each Award shall be submitted in PDF format along with a Microsoft Word version which shall only serve verification purposes. The Award shall be **anonymous**, i.e., it shall not contain the name or logo of the university, the name of any of the team members or any feature that could easily allow the jury to identify the identity of the team.

The Awards shall be submitted to the organizers by email to info@sportsarbitrationmoot.com. The organizers shall ensure that the Awards comply with all requirements set out in these Rules and have been timely submitted. The organizers shall then transmit to the jury the anonymous PDF copies of all Awards that comply with the requirements set out in these Rules.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The Awards shall be evaluated by a jury composed of individuals selected by the SAM Organizers among the SAM Arbitrators.

The Awards shall be evaluated on a scale of 1-100, based on the following criteria:

- (a) Clarity of structure and drafting (30 points);
- (b) Quality of legal reasoning (30 points);
- (c) Quality of factual reasoning (20 points); and
- (d) Adherence to the scope of the dispute and requests made by the Appellant and Respondent (20 points). The scope of the dispute is determined by (i) the Moot Case of the 5th edition of the SAM; (ii) the Clarifications and Answers to Questions of the 5th edition of the SAM; (iii) any follow-up emails sent by the organizers during the 4th edition of the SAM; and (iv) the Positions of the Parties.

For the avoidance of doubt, teams are *not* confined to:

- (a) The legal sources indicated in the Positions of the Parties; in application of the principle of *jura novit curia*, teams may develop their reasoning based on additional legal sources not submitted by the hypothetical parties; and
- (b) The legal sources submitted by them prior to the oral rounds of the SAM.

In case of a tie, the team achieving the highest mark in terms of clarity of structure and drafting shall prevail. In case of a tie in terms of clarity of structure and drafting, the relevant teams shall share their position in the

overall rankings (and the Prize described in section E, if they share the first place in the overall rankings) *ex aequo*.

PRIZE

The Award achieving the highest mark pursuant to the evaluation process described in Section D shall be awarded the sum of EUR 1,000.

The three best-rated Awards shall be published on the SAM official website.

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